Mental and Behavioral Health Needs of Children in Foster Care

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Summary: This article by the AAP gives a general overview of the specialized mental and behavioral needs of children in foster care. It acknowledges a range of trauma that children may have been experienced, describes the changes/transitions that children in foster care must endure, summarizes some of the relational problems that may result for children and families in foster and kinship care, breaks down decisions about psychotropic medication, and provides commentary on accessibility of appropriate services.

Application: This article is highly useful as a brief overview of how children in foster care have needs that are unique to other children. It can be used as a credible snapshot of why children in foster and kinship care need specialized assessment and support from their service providers.

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